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## LAKE IN THE HILLS WOMAN SENTENCED TO 53 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ARMED ROBBERY OF TWO BANKS IN McHENRY COUNTY

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and JIM WALES, Lake in the Hills Director of Police and Public Safety, today made the following announcement:

Today, United States District Judge Frederick J. Kapala sentenced **LYNDSEY R. TUCKER,** age 26, Lake in the Hills, Illinois, to a total of 53 months' imprisonment for the armed robberies of the LaSalle Bank, 240 North Randall Road, Lake in the Hills, Illinois, on February 7, 2007, and the Bank of America, 2450 West Algonquin Road, Lake in the Hills, Illinois, on February 10, 2007. The deposits of both were insured by the FDIC. Tucker was also ordered to pay \$7, 637 in restitution to the LaSalle Bank and \$1,679 to the Bank of America.

Tucker pleaded guilty to the robbery on July 11, 2008. In pleading guilty, Tucker admitted that on February 7, 2007, at approximately 10:15 a.m., she entered the LaSalle Bank wearing a gray stocking hat and sunglasses, and approached a teller window. Tucker displayed a large kitchen knife to the teller and gave the teller a black "doctor's" bag. According to the plea agreement, Tucker told the teller to give Tucker all of the teller's money. The teller gave Tucker \$7,637 from the drawer and Tucker then left the bank.

In addition, Tucker admitted in the plea agreement that on the morning of February 10, 2007, she walked into the Bank of America, wearing a blue stocking hat, fleece jacket with a black hooded sweatshirt, and tinted sunglasses. According to the plea agreement, Tucker approached a teller, pointed what appeared to be a real handgun at the teller, and placed a purse on the counter. The teller took \$1,679 from her teller drawer and placed it in the purse. Tucker left the bank, got into a blue Ford Expedition and drove out of the parking lot. Shortly after leaving the bank, Tucker was stopped by police officers and arrested. Tucker acknowledged in the plea agreement that she had used a black plastic toy handgun during the bank robbery. Tucker has been held in custody since her pretrial release was revoked on July 10, 2007.

The case was investigated by Rockford Office of the FBI and the Lake in the Hills Police Department. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph C. Pedersen.